

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

A tremendous amount of cooperation and teamwork accompanied the production of this book, and we are extremely grateful to the many dedicated people and organizations who contributed their time, talents, and resources.

We sincerely thank the team of writers from the United States Air Force Air Command and Staff College located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Their dedicated research efforts produced an excellent manuscript of critical importance to the overall product. We also want to thank Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol - United States Air Force (CAP-USAF) for their support, assistance and funding for this project.

We gratefully acknowledge the following organizations for their photographic contributions: Boeing Corporation, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), Lockheed Martin Astronautics, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), San Diego Air and Space Museum, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Raytheon Corporation and the Smithsonian Institute, National Air and Space Museum (NASM).

We especially want to thank Peggy Greenlee for the immense talent and dedication she gave to this project. Her tireless efforts with design and production tremendously enhanced this book and added stunning graphic displays throughout.

Finally, we certainly thank Jim Mallett, Director of Aerospace Education and Training, National Headquarters Civil Air Patrol (CAP), for his extraordinary vision and outstanding leadership in making this textbook a reality. He has superbly led the CAP Aerospace Education Program into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Jeff Montgomery and Staff**